DUBLIN CASTLE, MAY 26, 1798, 10 A. M.

Extract of a Letter from the Reverend James Mc.Ghee, Vicar of Clonmore, County Carlow, dated Hacketſtown, three o'Clock, P. M. May 25.

" IN Conſequence of an Information received this Morning, that a large " Body of REBELS were marching to attack the Town, Lieutenant *Gardiner*, " with the Men under his Command, and a Party of Yeomanry commanded " by Captain *Hardy*, went out to meet them. Having reconnoitred their " Force, which amounted to between three and four Thouſand, they took " Poſt on the Hill under the Church, and when the REBELS came tolerably " near, the Officers and Men made a Feint, and retreated into the Barrack.

" The REBELS ſeeing this, came on with a great Shout, imagining the " Day to be their own. In a few Minutes Captain *Hume* came up with about " thirty of his Troop, and inſtantly charged them, on which the REBELS " retreated. A general Purſuit took Place; and ſo complete was the Rout that " above THREE HUNDRED of the Miſcreants now lie dead on the Field " of Battle.

" To ſay that the *Antrim* Regiment behaved well is not any Thing new; " but the Yeomen under Captain *Hardy*'s Command behaved aſtoniſhingly; nor " can I ſufficiently commend the Conduct of Captain *Hume* and his Corps; for " though his right Arm was in a Sling, owing to a very ſevere Fall from his " Horſe, which prevented his uſing his Sword, he headed his Men with Gal- " lantry, and went on with a Spirit and Bravery that ſurprized every one, " conſidering his Situation.

" As to Lieutenant *Gardiner*, his Conduct and Steadineſs throughout the " whole Affair is far beyond my Praiſe; but I am ſorry to inform you " that a ſevere Blow of a Stone he received on his Breaſt from a Villain whoſe " Life he had juſt ſaved, prevents his writing to you himſelf. He is, however, " thank God, walking about, and having been let Blood, is much better; the " Villain was ſhot dead on the Spot.

" Every one of the *Antrims* was vying with each other who ſhould do his " Duty beſt; and I have very great Pleaſure in telling you that not a Man (Mr. " *Gardiner* excepted, and one Soldier, who received a Contuſion in his Arm) " was in the leaſt injured.—In ſhort, the Loyalty and Zeal of the whole Party " was beyond any Thing that has been ſeen on a ſimilar Occaſion."

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